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**DECLARATION OF THOMAS A. SILVESTRINI  
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Sir:

I, Thomas A. Silvestrini, named as the sole inventor of the above-identified application, hereby declare as follows:

1. I also am a named co-inventor of U.S. Patent No. 5,300,118 (the '118 Patent) attached to this Declaration. Therefore, the '118 Patent describes my own work. Mark Mathias and Bryan Loomas are named co-inventors of the '118 Patent.
2. I am the sole inventor of any subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,300,118 and claimed in the above-identified patent application. Mark Mathis and Bryan Loomas identified as my co-inventors in Paragraph 1 above, did not contribute to the claims of the subject application.

3. I am the true and sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in the subject application.
4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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